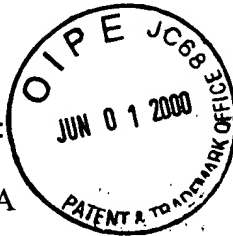


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**PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 13 and 14 as follows:

- 13. A computing method for accounting as set forth in claim 1, wherein said fourth step is executed at each initial of a fiscal period.
14. A computing method for accounting as set forth in claim 1, wherein said fourth step is executed at each end of the fiscal period.--

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